

STANDISH MONUMENT

Duxbury -- 1894

At the annual meeting of the Standish Monument Association held here in the public library building, on Monday, the following officers were chosen:

Hon. Halsey J. Boardman of Boston, pres.; Hon. Arthur Loud, vice pres., governors of Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut; Hon. Robert C. Winthrop, Hon. Charles F. Adams, Hon. William E. Chandler, Hon. Henry Howard, Hon. Oliver Ames, Hon. Wm. O. Frye, Hon. Geo. F. Edmunds, Gen. Joshua L. Chamberlain, Hon. Horace Binney Sargent and Gen. Nathaniel P. Banks, honorary vice presidents; Dr. Myles Standish, Hon. Elijah A. Morse, Dr. Cushing Webber, Hon. Roland Worthington, Chas. C. Richmond, Rev. E.J.V. Huiginn, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Gen. Isaac Russell, Geo. Curtis, Hon. John F. Andrews, Rev. A.A. Miner, Hon. Wm. W. Crapo and Thomas F. Temple, honorary advisory committee; Capt. Joshua M. Cushing, of Duxbury, corresponding secretary; John S. Loring, treas.; George W. Wright, Geo. Bradford, Wm. J. Wright, John S. Loring, Frank H. Palmer, Joshua M. Cushing, Hon. Alexander H. Rice, Dr. Myles Standish, Thomas Lockwood, John B. Hollis and Geo. E. McNeil, executive committee. Dr. Myles Standish, clerk of corporation.

The society voted to put the monument in good condition, closing the apertures with doors and windows, and a committee was appointed to act relative to the bequest left the Association by the late J. Henry Stickney, of Baltimore. Wm. J. Wright presided at the meeting, and Dr. Myles Standish was secretary.

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The statue of Capt. Myles Standish was placed upon the monument on Captain's Hill last Monday, about completing the monument externally, although there are 4 bases for smaller statues and indentations for tablets to be placed at some future date.

The shaft rises into the air a distance of 110 feet and is surmounted by a granite statue of the Pilgrim captain, 14 feet in height. In an arch over the

entrance at the base are blocks of granite from each of the New England states. Above these and extending all the way round the monument are granite blocks representing each county in Massachusetts. The figure stands facing the east and while one hand grasps the sword to signify his readiness to protect, the other is extended as if to show his friendly intentions.

When furnished on the interior with a spiral staircase, as is the intention, the shaft will form an excellent observatory.

The people who have contributed to build this monument have good reason to be proud of helping to erect a memorial in honor of so renowned a chieftain.

Capt. Myles Standish died Oct. 3, 1656, but his character and bravery were such that his name is still one of the most prominent in our retrospects of the Pilgrim days. On Aug. 17, 1871, there was a large gathering of his descendants to consecrate the spot where the monument was to be reared. On Oct. 7, 1872, the cornerstone was laid with Masonic ceremonies. The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston escorted the procession to the hill, and several Masonic and Odd Fellow lodges were present to take part in the imposing exercises.

The next gathering will be for the purpose of dedicating this tribute to the memory of the great military leader of the Pilgrims, but the ceremony will probably be deferred until another year.